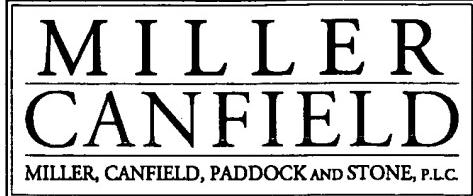


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The following is a Response to the First Office Action mailed on May 3, 2005 in the above captioned patent application.

In the Drawings

Attached are proposed amendments to Figs. 2 and 4, more precisely locating the lead lines for the step pad 11 and step 16 of the step pad. No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully request entry of these Figs into the patent application.